

# CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for tracking the shipment of goods in a network-based supply chain  
 2 management framework utilizing barcodes, comprising:  
 3 a) sending a distributor an order for goods from a supply chain participant utilizing a  
 4 network;  
 5 b) tracking the goods utilizing a bar code;  
 6 c) storing results of the tracking in a database; and  
 7 d) allowing the supply chain participant to access the results of the tracking utilizing  
 8 a network with TCP/IP protocol.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the results are accessible utilizing a network-  
 2 based interface.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the supply chain participant comprises a  
 2 restaurant.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the supply chain participant is allowed access  
 2 only after an identity thereof is verified.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the goods have the bar code adhered thereto.

1 7. A system for tracking the shipment of goods in a network-based supply chain  
 2 management framework utilizing barcodes, comprising:  
 3 a) logic for sending a distributor an order for goods from a supply chain participant  
 4 utilizing a network;

- 5 b) logic for tracking the goods utilizing a bar code;
- 6 c) logic for storing results of the tracking in a database; and
- 7 d) logic for allowing the supply chain participant to access the results of the tracking
- 8 utilizing a network with TCP/IP protocol.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the results are accessible utilizing a network-  
2 based interface.

1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the supply chain participant comprises a  
2 restaurant.

1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the supply chain participant is allowed access  
2 only after an identity thereof is verified.

1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the goods have the bar code adhered thereto.

1 13. A computer program product for tracking the shipment of goods in a network-  
2 based supply chain management framework utilizing barcodes, comprising:  
3 a) computer code for sending a distributor an order for goods from a supply chain  
4 participant utilizing a network;  
5 b) computer code for tracking the goods utilizing a bar code;  
6 c) computer code for storing results of the tracking in a database; and  
7 d) computer code for allowing the supply chain participant to access the results of  
8 the tracking utilizing a network with TCP/IP protocol.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the  
2 Internet.

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